

California Horse Racing Board

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION
TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of October 15, 2019 through October 20, 2019.

Tuesday
10/15/2019

- (1) **ENTRIES**
Steward Scott Chaney oversaw entries for this Friday night.

Wednesday
10/16/2019

- (1) **ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**
Steward Scott Chaney was present to oversee entries for Saturday night and changes to Friday's card.

Thursday
10/17/2019

- (1) **ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES**
Steward Scott Chaney was present to oversee entries for Sunday night and changes to Saturday's card.

Friday
10/18/2019

- (1) **FILM REVIEW**
Jockey EDUARDO NICASIO came to the office to review his crop use during the eighth race last Sunday. He agreed that he violated the rule and accepted the following penalty:

Ruling #269

JOCKEY EDUARDO NICASIO IS FINED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PAST 60 DAYS), DURING

THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 13, 2019.

The following two rulings were published when the riders failed to appear to defend their crop use last Sunday:

Ruling #267

JOCKEY CESAR FRANCO IS FINED THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS (\$350.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-FOURTH OFFENSE WITHIN THE PAST 60 DAYS), DURING THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 13, 2019.

Ruling #268

JOCKEY CODY JENSEN IS FINED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PAST 60 DAYS), DURING THE EIGHTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 13, 2019.

(2) METCALFE REINSTATEMENT

After receiving evidence that the veterinary bill had been paid in full, we reinstated owner Jeffrey Metcalfe in the following ruling:

Ruling #266

OWNER JEFFREY METCALFE, HAVING COMPLIED WITH THE PROVISIONS OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1876 (FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY- \$5,048.92 TO DR. NICOLA HARDGROVE), IS RESTORED TO GOOD STANDING. RULING #264, ISSUED AT LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION ON OCTOBER 12, 2019, IS SET ASIDE.

(3) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #2 Proud Dream – Veterinarian's scratch, unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald
#6 Lucky Dar C -- Veterinarian's scratch, unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald
Refund \$280.10
2nd Race #2 Bound to Go – Claimed – O. Heredia, trainer. Refund \$0.00.
3rd Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
4th Race #3 All About Trump – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Fitzgerald
#2 Captain N. Barron – Claimed – S. Perez, trainer. Refund \$283.14
5th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
6th Race #2 Dance Dakota Dance – Claimed – L. Lindsey, trainer
#5 Dream Artist – Claimed – V. Zamudio, trainer. Refund \$0.00
7th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
8th Race #7 Storm in the Ocean – Late veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Beck. Refund \$664.95

(4) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	508	\$71,398.50
Off track	1,590	\$349,571.70
Out of state	N/A	\$519,185.92
Total	2,098	\$940,156.12

Saturday
10/19/2019

(1) CASTANARES HEARING

We held an informal hearing into case number 19LA023 which was a complaint filed by the CHRB on behalf of veterinarian Nicola Hardgrove against owner George Castanares (Geocel Ranch Inc) alleging unpaid veterinary bills. There was an inordinate amount of discussion about billing processes

and ensuing arguments about how much was actually owed. Based on the evidence at the hearing, we determined that the number was \$1,712.50 and will publish a ruling that memorializes this opinion.

(2) DISQUALIFICATION AND PURSE REDISTRIBUTION

We published the following ruling when the connections chose not to contest the CHRB's positive test finding:

Ruling #270

ACTING UPON A REPORT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS, AN OFFICIAL TESTING LABORATORY FOR THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD, THAT BLOOD SAMPLE LA44517, TAKEN FROM THE HORSE "GONE SKYWARD", THE FIRST PLACE FINISHER IN THE SECOND RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2019, TESTED POSITIVE FOR THE DRUG 3-HYDROXY LIDOCAINE (CLASS II- 749 PG/ML- IN EXCESS OF AUTHORIZED MEDICATION LIMIT). IT IS ORDERED THAT "GONE SKYWARD" BE DISQUALIFIED FROM ALL PURSE MONIES EARNED IN SAID RACE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1859.5 (DISQUALIFICATION UPON POSITIVE TEST FINDING).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT ALL PURSE MONIES (\$4,900.00) EARNED BY OWNER SILVIA SOTO, TRAINER KELLY CASTANEDA, AND JOCKEY EDGAR PAYERAS BE RETURNED TO THE PAYMASTER OF PURSES AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE BY NOVEMBER 19, 2019, FOR REDISTRIBUTION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1760 (PURSE AWARD OR PRIZE TO BE WITHHELD).

REVISED ORDER OF FINISH IS AS FOLLOWS:

1ST – CHARMING ALEXIS

2ND – MAZ KANATA

3RD – CHARMING WEEKEND

ALL RECORDS ARE ORDERED TO REFLECT THIS RULING. IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1956 (RACE DECLARED OFFICIAL), THIS RULING SHALL NOT AFFECT THE PARIMUTUEL PAYOFFS.

(3) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #4 Sheza Kathy – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$114.00
2nd Race #3 Street Machine – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald
Refund \$141.00
3rd Race #1 Apollitical Judge – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Beck. Refund \$190.00
4th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
5th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
6th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
7th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
8th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00

(4) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	1,026	\$136,865.00
Off track	1,726	\$348,630.00
Out of state	N/A	\$631,976.35
Total	2,752	\$1,117,471.35

Sunday
10/20/2019

(1) FILM REVIEW

We issued the following two rulings when the riders chose not to appear to defend their crop use in their respective races last night:

Ruling #271

JOCKEY OSCAR ANDRADE, JR. IS FINED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PAST 60 DAYS), DURING THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 19, 2019.

Ruling #272

JOCKEY JOSE M. NICASIO IS FINED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-FIRST OFFENSE WITHIN THE PAST 60 DAYS), DURING THE FIFTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 19, 2019.

(2) INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

We posted the inquiry sign to examine an incident nearing the finish, when #2 Forgot the Rose (J. Nunez) appeared to be injured. After confirming that no other horses were involved, we made the race official.

(3) INQUIRY/DISQUALIFICATION

Following the running of the eighth race we posted the inquiry sign to examine an incident involving second place finisher #6 Fire By Night (R. Lozano) and several horses to his inside. Video revealed that about halfway through the 400 yard race, #6 drifts in and causes a chain reaction of interference involving #5, #3, and #2. After speaking with the riders involved, we unanimously voted to disqualify #6 and place him fifth.

Original Order of Finish: 8-(6)-5-2-3-4-7-1

Corrected Order of Finish: 8-5-2-3-(6)-4-7-1

(4) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #3 Allotment – Veterinarian scratch – injured – Dr. Fitzgerald
#2 Charming Alexis – Rider change – C. Franco for C. Aragon (not in town)
#4 Belligerent – Late veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$6,172.00
2nd Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
3rd Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
4th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
5th Race #7 Invader – Stewards' scratch, stake
#5 Max My Bullets – Rider change – J. Nicasio for J. Roman (injured). Refund \$141.00
6th Race #8 A Mere Felix – Rider change – J. Nicasio for J. Roman (injured). Refund \$0.00
7th Race #3 Hawks Valentine – Rider change – J. Nicasio for J. Roman (injured). Refund \$0.00
8th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
9th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00
10th Race #8 Lady Six Sky – Rider change – O. Peinado for J. Roman (injured). Refund \$0.00

(5) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	546	\$117,065.20
Off track	1,627	\$329,974.40
Out of state	N/A	\$900,792.98
Total	2,173	\$1,347,832.58

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on October 20, 2019. One equine death was reported this week due to racing injuries. During this reporting period, 11 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 6 for soundness, 1 for injury, and 4 for sickness. Ten horses previously on the Veterinarian's list were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward C. Scott Chaney.

2019

SUMMARY

	Wed	Thurs	Fri 10/18	Sat 10/19	Sun 10/20	Week	Meet
Accidents	D		0	0	1	1	7
Cal-Bred Races	A		0	0	0	0	23
Claims	R		4	0	0	4	236
Disqualification	K		0	0	1	1	31
Inquiries		D	0	0	2	2	67
Refunds		A	3	3	2	8	381
Rulings		Y	4	2	2	8	272
Voided Claims		S	0	0	0	0	50

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards Scott Chaney, Tom Ward, James Dreyer and Safety Steward David Nuesch were in attendance during this reporting period.

Scott Chaney, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

James Dreyer, Steward

David Nuesch, Safety Steward